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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ESTC, EI, US

SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE

REF: CUSTOMS 4071

- 1. THIS REPONDS TO YOUR MESSAGE REQUESTING COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR ASSIST US ATTORNEY JOHN LOCKIE AND CUSTOMS SPECIAL AGENTS CHARLES BRISBIN AND CHARLES MCLEOD TO INTERVIEW A WITNESS IN IRELAND ON AN ILLEGAL DIVERSION OF STRATEGIC ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.
- 2. WE WANT TO COOPERATE, BUT FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GRANT COUNTRY CLEARANCE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT. WE NEED TO KNOW IF THE INTERVIEWEE IS AN IRISH CITIZEN, IF THE ILLEGAL DIVERSION INVOLVES IRELAND IN ANY WAY, AND IF THE INTERVIEWEE IS A VOLUNTARY WITNESS. ANY OTHER INFORMATION TO ASSUAGE IRISH GOVERNMENT SENSITIVITY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. BACKGROUND TO OUR CONCERN OVER IRISH SENSITIVITIES FOLLOWS:

 WE ARE JUST NOW WINDING UP A LENGTHY HALF-YEAR CASE INVOLVING EXPORT CONTROLS IN WHICH THE IRISH UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT COOPERATED, BUT THEIR SENSITIVITY TO THEIR POSITION AS A NEUTRAL IS VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE AND THE MATTER WAS ESCALATED TO THE CABINET LEVEL.

3. THUS, WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL HAVE TO BRIEF CAREFULLY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT BEFORE CLEARANCE IS GRANTED. RENDAHL

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